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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Since the abolition of the Cabinet Committee on the Environment by Reorganization Plan No. 2, the status of its standing committees has not been clear. The International Standing Committee, under your Chairmanship, continues to perform a very useful function. We are hereby transferring to you all responsibilities relating to the International Standing Committee and request that it continue to operate as an interagency Committee on International Environmental Affairs reporting to you.

We would expect you, in carrying this work forward, to rely on the Council on Environmental Quality for substantive guidance on international environmental matters.

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